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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PRACTICAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW: PROMOTING THE UNITED NATIONS CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMME

Note verbale dated 6 March 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations (Vienna) addressed to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations (Vienna) presents its compliments to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat and further to its note verbale dated 28 December 1994 on a draft resolution submitted by Egypt for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held at Cairo from 29 April to 8 May 1995, has the honour to enclose herewith a draft resolution entitled "Establishment of a regional centre for training and research in crime prevention and criminal justice for the Mediterranean States".

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations (Vienna) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Establishment of a regional centre for training and research in crime prevention and criminal justice for the Mediterranean States

The Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,

Aware of the value of information exchange and the benefits of the experiences of different States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in terms of developing a common perspective with regard to confronting crime and establishing justice in a more comprehensive and far-reaching manner,

Believing that endeavouring to promote a feeling of security and of reassurance among the peoples of the Mediterranean States is the sole path towards realizing their hopes and aspirations of bringing about development, prosperity and progress,

Considering the common cultural, social, population, environmental and economic characteristics that bind the Mediterranean States and peoples and that enhance the tendency towards reinforcing their convergence and solidarity,

Recalling the recommendations on international cooperation for crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development, annexed to General Assembly resolution 45/107 of 14 December 1990, in which it was recommended that measures should be taken to strengthen programmes of international technical and scientific cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and to formulate proper regional and interregional strategies for such cooperation,

Recalling the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152 of 18 December 1991, in which Member States expressed their conviction that there was an urgent need for more efficient international mechanisms to assist States and to facilitate joint strategies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, thus consolidating the role of the United Nations as the focal point in that field,

In conformity with initiatives taken as an expression of the will of the Mediterranean States to achieve greater mutual cooperation and cohesion,

Striving to enhance the contributions of the Mediterranean States towards the achievement of social and economic development in an atmosphere of peace, freedom, democracy and respect for human rights,

Appreciating the proposal of the Government of Italy to organize an international task force to examine the feasibility of establishing an international training centre for law enforcement and criminal justice personnel, as well as the offer of that Government to act as host to the international training centre,[1]

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/23 of 25 July 1994, in which the Council decided to adopt the criteria and procedures for the affiliation with the United Nations of institutes or centres and the establishment of United Nations subregional institutes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Recognizing that the establishment of a regional centre for training and research in crime prevention and criminal justice for the Mediterranean States would contribute to the promotion of international cooperation in that field and would increase the effectiveness and efficiency of crime prevention and criminal justice systems,

1. *Welcomes* the proposal by the Government of Egypt on the establishment of a regional centre for training and research in crime prevention and criminal justice for the Mediterranean States;

2. *Also welcomes* the offer by the Government of Egypt to host the headquarters of the proposed regional centre and to provide the facilities necessary for its establishment;

3. *Decides* that the objectives of the proposed regional centre should be as follows:

(a) Development of the scientific and practical capacities of criminal justice and law enforcement personnel, in all categories and at all levels;

(b) Provision of an impetus to joint scientific research on the modern dimensions of crime in the Mediterranean States and on the means of combating such crime, through coordination with all relevant research centres in those States;

(c) Exchange of technical experience in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and utilization of the advanced technical and human resources of the Mediterranean States in that field;

(d) Cooperation and integration with existing regional centres and institutes for the prevention of crime;

4. *Also decides* that the competence of the proposed regional centre should be in the following areas:

(a) Formulating policies for the promotion and development of cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

(b) Proposing plans and programmes of action to ensure the implementation of its policies and evaluating their results;

(c) Organizing conferences, seminars and scientific meetings and expanding various research activities to ensure the achievement of the desired objectives;

(d) Undertaking the exchange of visits and scientific missions, encouraging the preparation of studies and research papers and training specialized scientific cadres;

(e) Developing an integrated communications network and information centres in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice among the Mediterranean States in order to benefit from data on technological and scientific progress in information systems;

(f) Reinforcing its cooperation with regional and international organizations with a common interest;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat to follow up the implementation of the present resolution in coordination with the States concerned.

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[1]A/49/748, chap. I, sect. B.